

ABSOLUTE RATING: Unsatisfactory
IMPROVEMENT RATING: Below Average

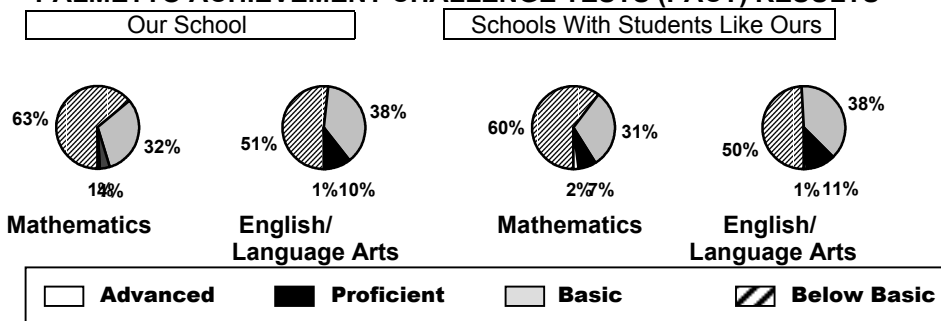
Number of middle schools with students similar to ours: 32. The absolute ratings for those schools ranged from unsatisfactory to average. For the improvement ratings, the range was from unsatisfactory to excellent.

RATINGS OVER A 4-YEAR PERIOD

2001 Absolute Rating
2002 Unsatisfactory
2003 Improvement Rating
2004 Below Average

(Definitions of School Rating Terms on Page 4)

PALMETTO ACHIEVEMENT CHALLENGE TESTS (PACT) RESULTS



DEFINITIONS OF CRITICAL TERMS:

- **Advanced** – Student performance exceeded expectations.
- **Proficient** – Student performance met expectations.
- **Basic** – Student performance met minimum performance expectations.
- **Below Basic** – Student performance did not meet minimum performance expectations.

Science scores are to be reported on 2004 School Report Cards. Social studies scores are to be reported on 2005 School Report Cards.

PERCENT OF STUDENTS SCORING BASIC OR ABOVE ON THE PACT

Student Group	English/ Language Arts	Math	Science	Social Studies
All students (n=543)	48.4%	36.1%	N/A	N/A
Students with disabilities other than Speech (n=33)	48.5%	22.9%		
Students without disabilities (n=478)	51.7%	39%		
Gender				
Male (n=262)	42.4%	38.6%		
Female (n=249)	61%	37.2%		
Ethnic Group				
African American (n=429)	47.1%	34%		
Hispanic (n=10)	N/A	N/A		
White (n=69)	78.3%	59.4%		
Other (n=3)	N/A	N/A		
Lunch Status Group				
Free/reduced-price Lunch (n=404)	48%	33.5%		
Pay for lunch (n=107)	64.5%	54.1%		

SCHOOL PROFILE

INDICATORS OF SCHOOL PERFORMANCE

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Middle School
SCHOOL				
• Dollars spent per student	\$5,407	N/A	\$5,416	\$5,127
• Prime instructional time	88.1%	Down from 90.7%	87.8%	89.6%
• Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	24.2 to 1	N/A	19.9 to 1	21.4 to 1
STUDENTS (n=560)				
• Attendance rate	95.9%	Down from 96.6%	94.9%	95.7%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (ELA) off grade level	12.7%	N/A	6.9%	4.5%
• Students with disabilities other than speech taking PACT (math) off grade level	13.3%	N/A	5.9%	4.0%
• Retention rate	0.9%	Up from 0.5%	7.6%	4.5%
TEACHERS (n=40)				
• Professional Development days per teacher	5 Days	Down from 7.4	8.7 Days	8.0 Days
• Attendance Rate	93.8%	Down from 95.4%	94.6%	95.2%
• Teachers with advanced degrees	50%	Down from 51.4%	43.8%	45.8%
• Continuing contract teachers	77.5%	Down from 78.4%	76.7%	80.8%
• Teachers with out-of-field permits	0%	No change	2.7%	2.4%
• Teachers returning from the previous school year	74.5%	Down from 78.2%	80.7%	83.7%
• Average teacher salary	\$37,235	Up 4.0%	\$36,584	\$37,455

SCHOOL FACTS

	Our School	Change From Last Year	Schools with Students like ours	Median Middle School
SCHOOL				
• Dropout rate	0%	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Percentage of expenditures spent on teacher salaries	61.7%	N/A	61.4%	61.5%
• Principal's years at the school	1	N/A	2	3.0
• Parents attending conferences	71.7%	N/A	71.7%	78.2%
• Opportunities in the arts	Good	N/A	Good	Good
STUDENTS				
• On academic plans	N/A	N/A	57.9%	45.8%
• On academic probation	N/A	N/A	0%	0.0%
• Older than usual for grade	2.7%	Down from 5.7%	7.7%	4.5%
• Suspended or expelled	10	N/A	37	15
• Enrolled in high school credit courses	6.6%	N/A	6.7%	13.2%
• Gifted and talented	8.5%	N/A	6.6%	12.1%
• With disabilities other than speech	16%	Up from 10%	14.1%	13.6%



PRINCIPAL'S / SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL REPORT

It has been an excellent year at Fairfield Middle school. Our students have improved academically and our Fine Arts program is flourishing. Among our accomplishments and improvements are the following:

- Each grade level made gains on the PACT;
- We reestablished our National Junior Beta Club;
- Our school renewed its Southern Association of Colleges and Schools accreditation;
- We added 30 new computers to our keyboarding lab;
- There were an average of 84 students on the Honor Roll for each nine weeks;
- Seventy-eight students are enrolled in the Gifted and Talented program;
- Three students were named TIP Scholars and three were named Junior Scholars.

All of our staff has worked extremely hard this year to implement a "STANDARDS DRIVEN CURRICULUM." Also, the Cunningham 4 Block Literacy Model has been implemented providing each student with 100 minutes of language arts instruction each day.

We have two after-school programs to help our children with their academic progress. The Boy Scout Tutoring program provides tutoring in all subjects. All students are eligible to participate in this program. The Communities in Schools Program provides direct instruction in math and language arts. Business and community leaders are also invited to share with the students. We look forward to these programs enhancing the academic achievement of our children.

Our School Improvement Council and PTO have been very active this year. The PTO raised funds for special projects and the SIC made several recommendations for improving our school. We appreciate their input and help! EXCELLENCE IS EXPECTED AT FAIRFIELD MIDDLE SCHOOL.

EVALUATIONS BY TEACHERS AND STUDENTS

Percent	Teachers	Students	Parents
Satisfied with learning environment	45.8	69.6	(Avail. 2002)
Satisfied with social and physical environment	66.7	68.8	
Satisfied with home-school relations	29.2	84.0	

DEFINITIONS OF SCHOOL RATING TERMS

Excellent – School performance substantially exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Good – School performance exceeds the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Average – School performance meets the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Below Average – School is in jeopardy of not meeting the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

Unsatisfactory – School performance fails to meet the standards for progress toward the 2010 SC Performance Goal.

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Fairfield Middle
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Grades 7-8 Middle School

Enrollment: 560 Students

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THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Annual School
Report Card

2001

School Grade:
Unsatisfactory



South Carolina Performance Goal:

By 2010, South Carolina's student achievement will be ranked in the top half of the states nationally. To achieve this goal, we must become one of the five fastest improving systems in the country.

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